•No organization would be allowed to indulge in terrorism in the name of Kashmir.

During another similar address on May 27 he announced that no infiltration would take place across the LoC. During his visit to the region (June 6-7), the US Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage conveyed to India the pledge from General Musharraf to stop cross border infiltration on a permanent basis.

(c) After the commitment of President Musharraf to end cross border infiltration on a permanent basis, there has been some reduction in infiltration. However, infiltration and Pakistan sponsored terrorist violence continue at a significant scale. There is no evidence of any firm attempts being made to dismantle the infrastructure that supports and feeds cross border terrorism including launching stations, communication centres and training camps. Government are firmly resolved to continue taking all necessary measures to end cross border terrorism.

Discussion on terrorism with Bangladesh Foreign Minister

225. SHRI KULDIP NAYYAR : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the issue of terrorism from across the border was discussed with the Bangladesh Foreign Minister during his recent visit;

(b) if so, what was the outcome;

(c) whether the Foreign Minister is alleged to have said that the innocents have been killed because of high handedness of the border police on both sides; and

(d) whether any remedial steps are being taken ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH) : (a) to (d) Mr. M. Moshed Khan, Foreign Minister of Bangladesh visited India on 16-17 June, 2002. During his visit, he called on Prime Minister, Principal Secretary to PM & National Security Adviser and held detailed talks with External Affairs Minister. The issue of presence of Indian insurgents in Bangladesh was discussed. The Foreign Minister of

Bangladesh informed that the Hon'ble Prime Minister of Bangladesh has given strict instructions not to allow the presence of any insurgent training camps in Bangladesh, as well as to curb their free movement across the border. In order to check their movement across the border, the cooperation of India has been sought. Government of Bangladesh's proposal was welcomed and our support and cooperation offered.

Bangladesh Foreign Minister also mentioned that a number of civilians had been killed on the border over the last few months. This issue had also been discussed during the Director General-level talks held between BSF and Bangladesh Rifles in March 2002 in Dhaka. It was pointed out by the Indian side that firing by BSF was undertaken only as a last resort. GOI has sought the cooperation of Bangladesh authorities to prevent illegal cross border movement from Bangladesh into India.

Demand made by Jammu and Kashmir to revoke Indus waters Treaty

226. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Jammu and Kashmir has urged the Central Government to revoke or revise the India-Pakistan Indus Waters Treaty;

(b) whether the State is suffering great loss due to this treaty;

(c) if so, the details of the loss being sustained by the State on account of this treaty; and

(d) Government's response thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH) : (a) to (d) There have been suggestions including in the press that India should consider abrogating the Indus Waters treaty in view of Pakistan's sponsorship of terrorism directed against India in violation of international law and bilateral agreements. Government have taken appropriate diplomatic and other measures to effectively defeat the menace of cross border terrorism. Pakistan has now made a commitment to stop cross border infiltration on a permanent basis, not to allow the territory of Pakistan to be used for terrorism anywhere in the world, or any organisation in Pakistan to indulge in terrorism in the name of Kashmir.